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Containing 300 of its original 437 acres, Hadlow has been the seat of the Simpson family since 1840. The site includes a concentration of important examples of architectural traditions associated with Charles County's extensive agricultural heritage including a rare stone foundation granary, two 19th century tobacco barns and a relatively unaltered two-story vernacular farmhouse. The 1½ story kitchen is believed to predate the dwelling and was likely erected around 1825. A late 19th century two-story tenant house and 1918 stable stand nearby as well as a large number of mid to late 20th century structures that contribute to the overall rural character of the site.

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CH-118

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Hadlow is a 19th century farmstead situated on Old Sycamore road in the vicinity of the crossroads village of Newport. The farm, consisting of 295 acres borders Gilbert Swamp and is anchored by a two-part frame dwelling erected during the third quarter of the 19th century. A two-story, late 19th century frame dwelling also stands on the property. Surrounding the main dwelling are a series of domestic outbuildings including an exceptional early 19th century granary. An early 19th century tobacco barn (CH-711), a late 19th century tobacco barn, and a 2-story frame tenant house are also found on the site as well as a notable 1918 stable. A large number of mid to late 20th century structures including a smokehouse, chicken house, machinery shed, tool shed, two gable roof tobacco barns, two gambrel-roof tobacco barns and a cornhouse constitute the remainder of standing structures on the farm and contribute to the overall rural character of the site. The earliest tobacco barn was surveyed separately because of its age and relative rarity, and also because it lies on a separate USGS map than the remainder of the buildings associated with Hadlow.

MAIN BLOCK, c. 1840

Two and one half stories in height and one room deep, the dwelling at Hadlow is an excellent example of a vernacular farmhouse in Charles County. Attached to the main block is a 1 1/2 story frame kitchen wing that is believed to slightly pre-date the main block. Constructed around 1840, the main block is a side gable structure with an asymmetrical, four bay, center passage plan. The frame rests on a combination of stone and brick piers with a brick curtain on the southeast gable end. One story full-width shed porches extend on both eave elevations. The porch shelters the early or original weatherboard siding which is fastened with cut nails. The remainder of the main block is covered in asbestos shingle siding. Pressed tin covers the roof's original wood shingles still visible from the interior. Centered exterior end chimneys stand on each gable end and are laid in American bond with stepped watertables and shoulders. The cornice board is beaded as well as the door and first floor window surrounds.

The northeast elevation of the main block includes four second story 6/6 wood sash windows above three similar windows and an offset entry door on the first floor. Window surrounds on the first floor include beaded molding while the second floor has simple square-edged trim. The shed porch is supported by six square wooden posts. The northernmost corner post differs from the others. With simple chamfered corners, this is likely the only remaining original post. The porch floor consists of tongue and groove 2 1/4 boards. The southeast gable end faces the road and includes the prominent end chimney and a single narrow 4/4 attic story windows. This elevation includes a brick foundation curtain. The southwest eave elevation mirrors that of the opposite end and includes a three light transom over the door. The porch on this elevation, while very similar, was constructed with later building materials. Posts are slightly narrower as well. The porch is partially exposed at the northernmost end. The northwest elevation is obscured by the service wing but includes an exterior chimney stack and an attic story 4/4 window.

INTERIOR, MAIN BLOCK

The interior of the main block includes two first floor and two second floor rooms flanked by an offset center hall. Largest rooms are found on the southern end and include the formal parlor on the first floor. The dining room is located on the opposite end of the hall next to the service wing. The interior finishes of the main block, including window and door surrounds, floors and plaster walls, are unaltered.

KITCHEN WING, c. 1825

The kitchen addition is believed to have been constructed during the first quarter of the 19th century or in the early years of the second quarter. This is a braced frame structure resting on a continuous rubble stone foundation. With an overall hall and parlor plan, the structure is divided into two rooms separated by a partition. The largest of the two rooms, which functioned as a kitchen is at the northernmost end. A narrow quarter-turn stair is found on the southwestern end of the room providing access to the loft above. After the 2-story main block was constructed the two buildings were connected and a dormer added in the attic story. Architectural evidence is most readily available in the attic story where pit sawn and hewn rafters along with riven lath are found. This original hearth is no longer extant but once stood on the northeast gable end.

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Additional architectural evidence is provided by a photograph taken by the Simpson family of the northeast elevation at the time of recent renovations. The exposed frame revealed that at one time a door stood next to the southernmost 6/6 window. When the 2-story main block was constructed and the two buildings were joined by the existing passageway, the Period I door was likely relocated to the opposite end and the 6/6 window was added. At a later date a bathroom was added within a shed roof addition extending from the southeast wall near the main block. The northeast gable end includes an offset 4/4 window. The southwest elevation includes two doors and two 6/6 windows. All doors and windows have been replaced in this wing and the exterior walls have been reclad in vinyl siding. The original kitchen (hall) is now used for storage and the pantry (parlor) is now used as a kitchen.

GRANARY, c. 1825

Standing near the original hall and parlor dwelling is a frame granary or 'meal house' resting on a raised continuous rubble stone foundation. This structure believed to be contemporary with the original dwelling is composed of hewn posts. Posts, sills and plates have mortise and tenon joints and are secured with wooden pegs. The original doorway stands on the southwest wall and is secured with a replacement vertical plank door. Existing joists along with the sealed plank floor have been replaced in the 20th century with circular sawn timbers. Some of the original siding survives on the eave elevations along with traces of white paint. Cut nails fasten the earliest siding. The roof is metal.

STABLE, c. 1918

The stable, located beside the farm road beyond the house, has a gable roof and vertical board siding. The construction incorporates several traditional timber framing elements including mortise and tenon joinery at the principal joints, while using modern circular sawn timber throughout. Interior space is arranged to include two horse stalls on the southeast gable end and a single large stall for carriages or other livestock on the opposite end. Dividing the two spaces is a narrow walkway. An upstairs loft provides storage space for hay. The barn exterior has been reclad and at the time, the original door configuration was modified. The southeast wall, now with a single, centered barn door, originally included two doorways on either side providing access to each stall.

TENANT HOUSE, c. 1890

This two story frame tenant house has an overall L-plan. The front elevation includes a five bay first floor and a three bay second story. 2/2 windows are found throughout.

HADLOW TOBACCO BARN NO. 1

Surveyed separately as CH-711, this barn was erected around 1840 and stands to the north of the main dwelling. It consists of a gable structure with sheds extending from several elevations. Original narrow doors are found on several elevations. The foundation consists of stone rubble piers.

HADLOW TOBACCO BARN NO.2

The barn stands near Old Sycamore Road next to a winding lane that leads to the Baker House, a two story vernacular dwelling erected nearby on part of Hadlow during the late 19th century. Rectangular in form, the barn is sheathed with vertical board siding and a metal roof. Doors appear on three of the four sides. On the gable ends are tall narrow doors approximately three feet wide. On the eave northeast wall is a tall double door. The southwest wall includes the shed which has been modified to be used to shelter livestock and equipment. Interior examination reveals hewn principal posts adhered with mortise and tenon joinery, cut nails and a brick foundation.

Hadlow is recognized as a Century Farm by the state of Maryland, and has been continuously owned and farmed by the dame family for over 150 years. According to family tradition, the barn is believed to have been built by the current owner's father

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around although its architectural style and materials would suggest an earlier construction date. However, archival research does collaborate the family oral tradition. An inventory taken at the time of Francis Simpson's death in 1855, only identified one tobacco barn, believed to be CH-711.

8. Signifi	cance	Inventory No. CH-118
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Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Hadlow is an exceptional example of an intact 19th century farmstead in Charles County. Containing almost 300 of its original 437 acres, Hadlow has been the seat of the Simpson family since 1840. The site includes a concentration of historic buildings associated with the long and rich agricultural heritage of Charles County including a rare stone foundation granary, two 19th century tobacco barns and a relatively unaltered two story vernacular farmhouse.

During the 17th century, tobacco emerged as the staple crop throughout the region, promising to yield impressive profits that lured many adventurers to the Chesapeake Bay. Like other southern Maryland counties, the exclusive cultivation of tobacco governed the physical development of the county throughout the 18th and early 19th centuries. Unlike corn and wheat, tobacco cultivation did not encourage the development of significant urban centers for the shipping and processing of the crop. Instead, the county's landowners remained isolated, on individual farmsteads that comprised small "villages" made up of the main dwelling house, several slave quarters, and ancillary domestic and agricultural outbuildings. Through the 1830s, 1840s, and 1850s, Charles County continued to thrive on its agricultural and growing commercial trade. Many diversified their interests, investing in corn or wheat cultivation or in commercial industries, such as milling, fishing, and commerce.

Hadlow was initially formed from a number of smaller parcels containing between 15 and 250 acres lying on either side of Piles, later Gilbert Swamp that were purchased by the merchant Robert Horner from several individuals in the last half of the 18th century. By 1771, Horner was imprisoned in the Charles County jail, presumably for debt. Subsequently these parcels were sold to his creditors here and in England. In 1832 the property was acquired by Richard Henry Dyson, and several years later was purchased by Francis Simpson who was responsible for the site's current character. After his death, guardian accounts written by estimators John R. Turner and Joseph T. Herbert in 1885 describe the property in some detail noting that,

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In comparison, Simpson owned a smaller tract containing 96 acres which was known as "Indian Quarter". The valuation was only \$80.00 per acre and more tersely described by the estimators. "...there is on it a small dwelling house, logged kitchen, meathouse, all of which are now undergoing repair. There is a barn with shed and granary in he shed nearby now. The fencing is in fair order, about 10 acres of the land is in small growth of but little value."(1)

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After Francis Simpson's death, Hadlow descended to his son George H. Simpson. After his death in 1871, the property was divided among the children Carrie Agnes Simpson and her brothers Lucien Lorenzo, William Edward and Arthur Alexius. In 1885 Carrie Agnes deeded here share to her brothers. In that same year Lucien transferred his share to his brother William Edward Simpson. According to family accounts, William Edward Simpson lived in, and likely constructed the two story frame dwelling occupied by tenants when he was first married to his wife Lillian F. Simpson, and brother Arthur Alexius occupied the original Simpson family farmhouse. After his death in 1908, Arthur Alexius, a bachelor, willed his share to the four oldest children of William Edward Simpson. After 1965, the property came into the possession of the current owner Joseph Brennan Simpson, Sr.

Hadlow has been recognized by the State of Maryland as a Century Farm, having been owned and operated for the same family for over 150 years.

Endnotes

(1) Guardian Accounts 1854-1860, pp. 39. Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, MD.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 10

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name

Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Hadlow is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 66, p. 15

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Charles County Planning Dept	date	8/31/01
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city or town	LaPlata	state MD zip co	de 20646

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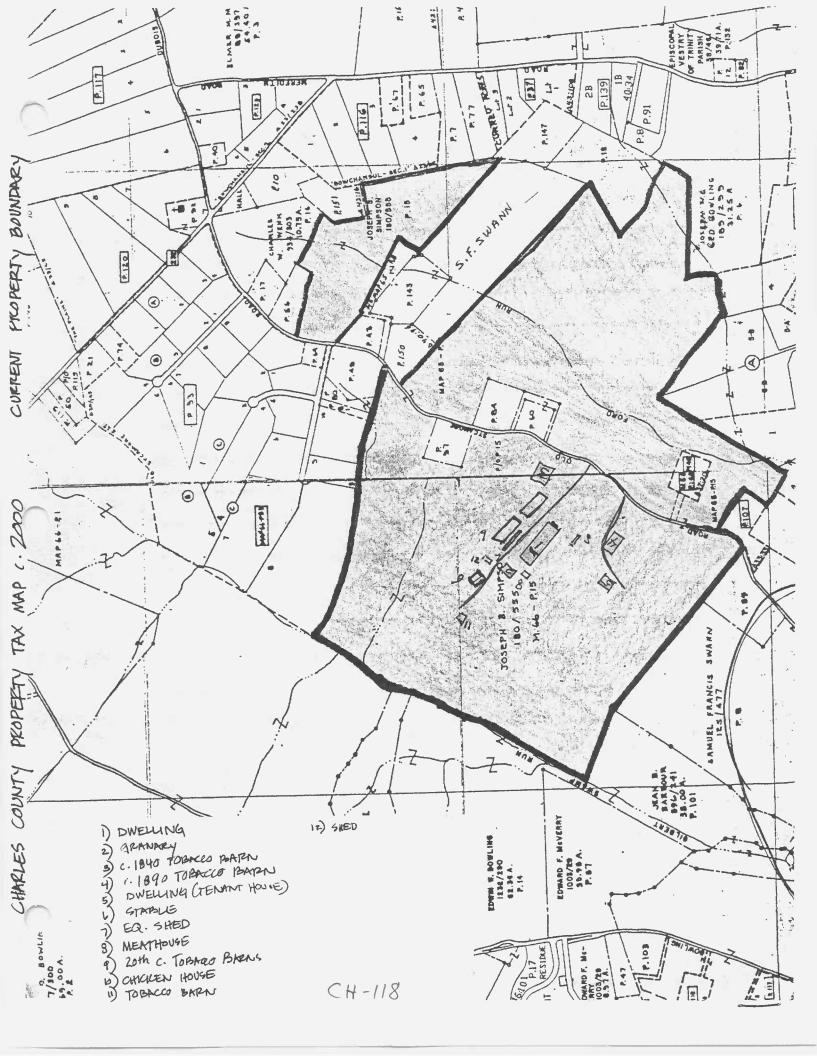
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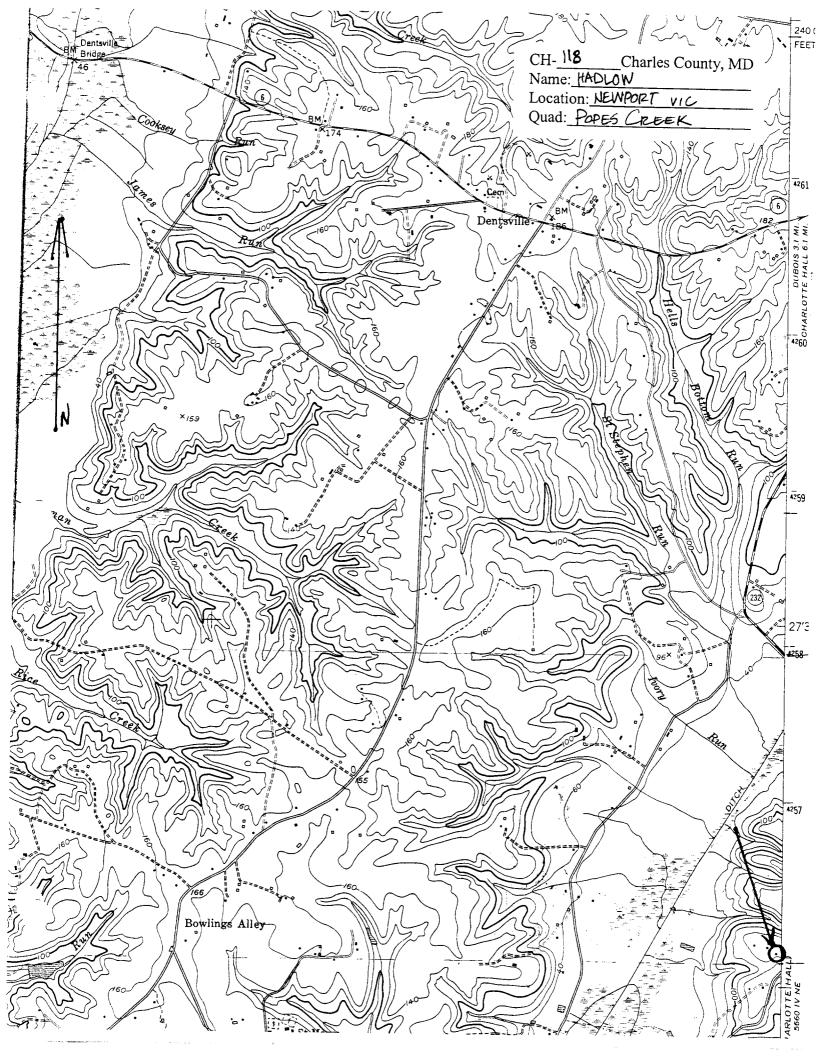
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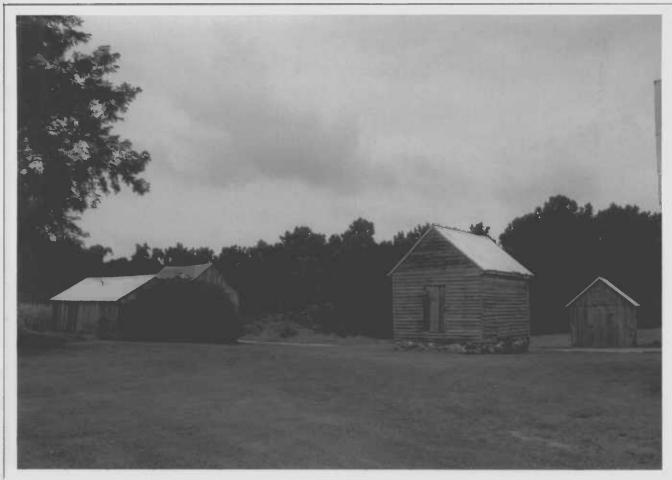
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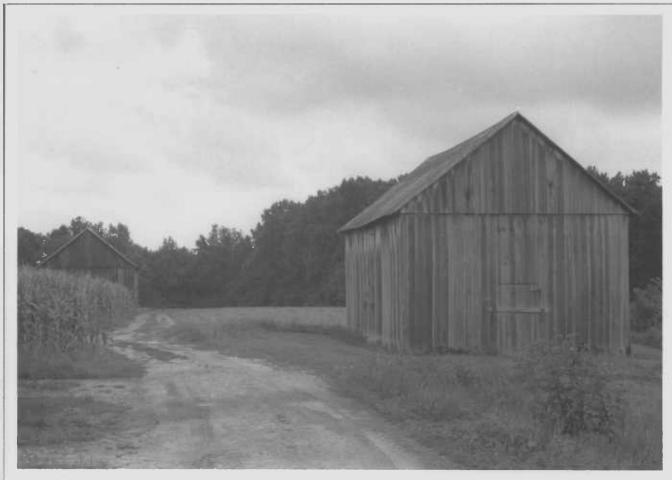
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